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The Laura Ingalls Wilder House was built with a series of additions to a one room house constructed by Mr. and Mrs. Almanzo Wilder in ca. 1895. By 1896-97 two rooms were completed. Additions were made during the following years, the final one in 1912. (Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lichty, Curators of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home, information in a letter to the Missouri State Mistorical Survey and Planning Office, June 20, 1969.) The major part of the construction was done by Mr. Wilder. Building materials were from the surrounding farm, oak for the beams and boards, and fieldstone for the chimney and foundation.

EXTERIOR

The house today is a white frame structure of irregular plan. The walls are clapboarded. Only the original room and one small corner room on the southwest remain one story. There are two primary roof divisions, a north-south ridge roof with an extended eastern slope, intersected by an east-west ridge roof with an extended southern slope. There is a dormer window on the northern slope. Subsidiary roofs include the front porch, a shed roof on the north porch, a ridge roof covering the rear one story section and a small two-slope shed roof covering the one story corner room at the southwest corner.

There are three chimneys. One on the south slope of the primary roof, another on the south slope of the rear secondary roof and the third, the exterior stone fireplace on the north wall, which is centered on the gable end.

The front of the house faces west. The main block steps forward to the west. The central entryway has a porch with square wood columns at the corners supporting the three-slope shed roof. The low railing about the porch is sheathed with clapboarding identical to that of the house. There are double-hung sash windows on the first and second stories on either side of the entry with a single large pane in each frame.

Recessed from the west facade and projecting to the south are two levels. A southwest corner roofed room of one story and adjoining it to the east, a two story addition. One square window with one light faces west in the corner room. One smaller square window with a single light on the second story facing west is identical to a series of nine aligned on the second story of the south wall at the same level. On the first floor of the south wall there are three sash windows with one over one lights. To the east of this addition and recessed north of the plane of the south facade is the one story

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Laura Ingalls Wilder House is historically significant as the residence of Laura Ingalls Wilder, famous children's literature author. Beginning her writing career at the age of 65 in 1932, Mrs. Wilder wrote The Little House Series of children's books while residing in this modest homestead in Southwest, Missouri. The Little House Series tells of Mrs. Wilder's life on the frontier as her family homesteaded in Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota, and South Dakota. The books, (Little House in the Big Woods, Little House on the Prairie, etc.) illustrate the struggles and hardships as well as the joys of pioneer life encountered by Laura as a young girl between the ages of five and eighteen (1872-1885). Mrs. Wilder's books are now considered International Classics and have been translated into 26 languages. ("Missouri Women in History, Laura Ingalls Wilder," Missouri Historical Review, 63:417, April 1969.)

Born near Pepin, Wisconsin, on February 7, 1857, Laura Ingalls married Almanzo Wilder on August 15, 1885 near De Smet, South Dakota. (William T. Anderson, Laura Wilder of Mansfield, 1968, p. 1.)

Because of drought and fires on the Dakota prairie, Laura and Almanzo Wilder left their homestead and journeyed by covered wagon to Mansfield, Missouri, in 1894. There they bought 40 acres of land containing apple trees and a spring which they named Rocky Ridge Farm. (Laura Ingalls Wilder, On The Way Home, 1962, p. 77.) Within two years, Almanzo finished a one room frame house. Other rooms were added over the years making a total of ten rooms in 1912. The house was built by the Wilders entirely from materials on the farm; oak for the ceilings, walls and floors, and stones for the fireplace and foundation. (William T. Anderson, Laura Wilder of Mansfield, 1968, p. 4.) The house is now maintained by the Laura Ingalls Wilder Association of Mansfield, Missouri. (Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lichty, Curators of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Home, information in a letter to the Missouri State Historical Survey and Planning Office, June 20, 1969.)

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On the east end of the house are gabled ends of two asymmetrical ridge roofs each with an extended southern slope. One covers the one story structure, the other the two story addition. The east gable wall of the two story addition has two square windows (continuing the series from the south wall), a rectangular window with one over one light and a door to a balcony which no longer exists.

The north wall has three progressive recessions. The two story section to the west projects farthest north. It has a large stone fireplace with windows on either side at both stories. These windows are double-hung with a single pane of glass in each frame. The center section has a dormer which breaks the north slope of the east-west (rear) ridge roof. The dormer has two sash windows, one over one lights.

The partially screened porch below has a lean-to roof. The easternmost section is the one story original structure. It has two windows with one over one light on the north wall.

INTERIOR

The interior plan reflects the irregularity of the additions. On the first floor are six rooms (the living room has a small adjoining library) and bath. The second floor has a hall and three rooms.

The fireplace is faced with three large stones found on the farm. Handhewn oak timber from the farm was used for beams, stairways and paneling.

The home is in excellent condition. The decoration is preserved as it was at the time of Mrs. Wilder's death in 1957.

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Mrs. Wilder received numerous awards for her writing achievement. In 1942, she was the recipient of the Harry Harman Award given by the Pacific North-west Library Association. In 1943, she was awarded the New York Herald Spring Book Festival Award and in 1955, the Children's Services Division of the American Library Association established the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award to be given to an outstanding author of children's books. Libraries are named for her in Detroit, Michigan; Pomona, California; and Mansfield, Missouri. ("Missouri Women in History, Laura Ingalls Wilder," Missouri Historical Review, 63:417, April, 1969.)

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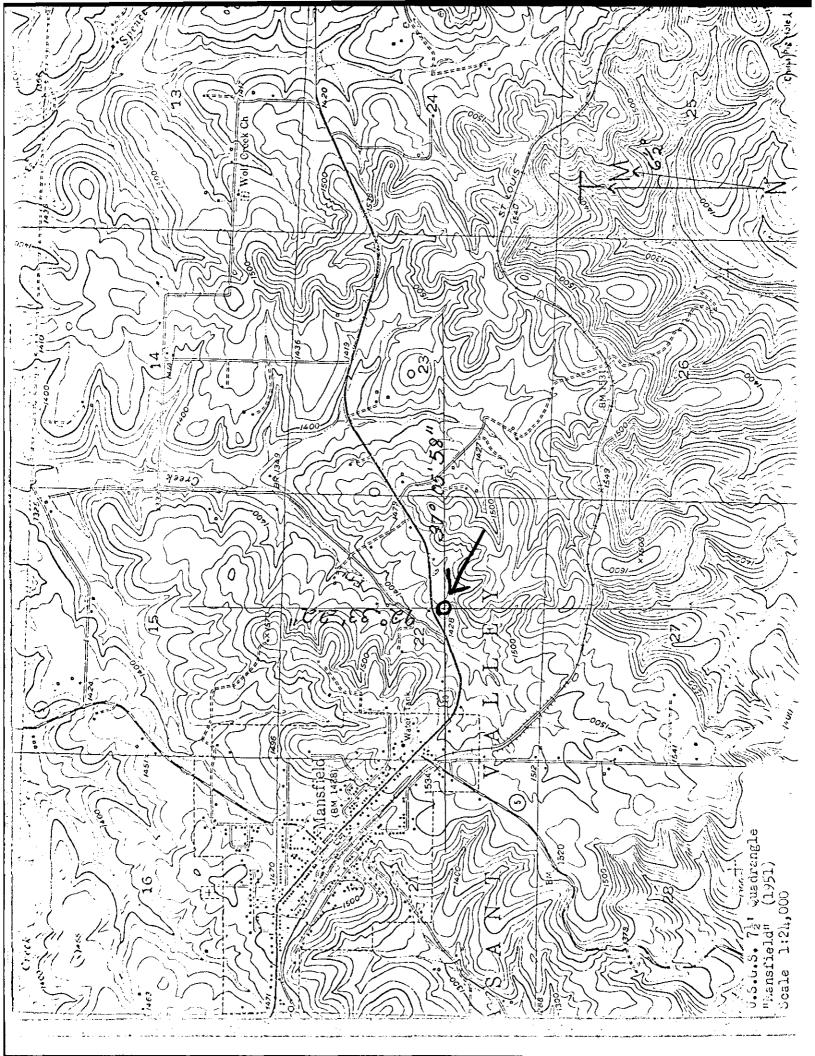
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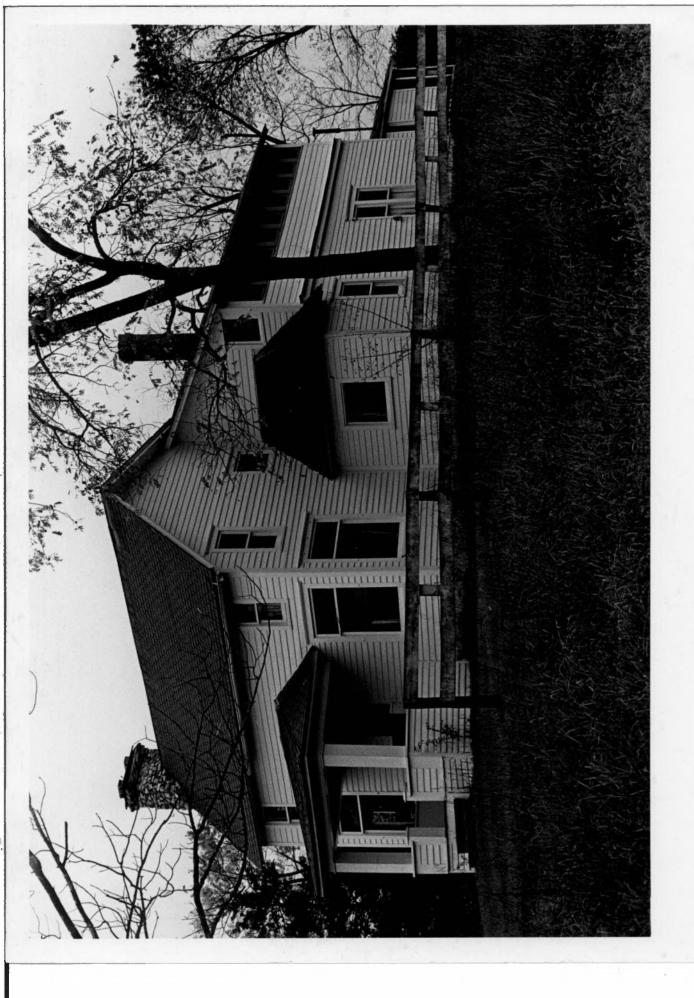
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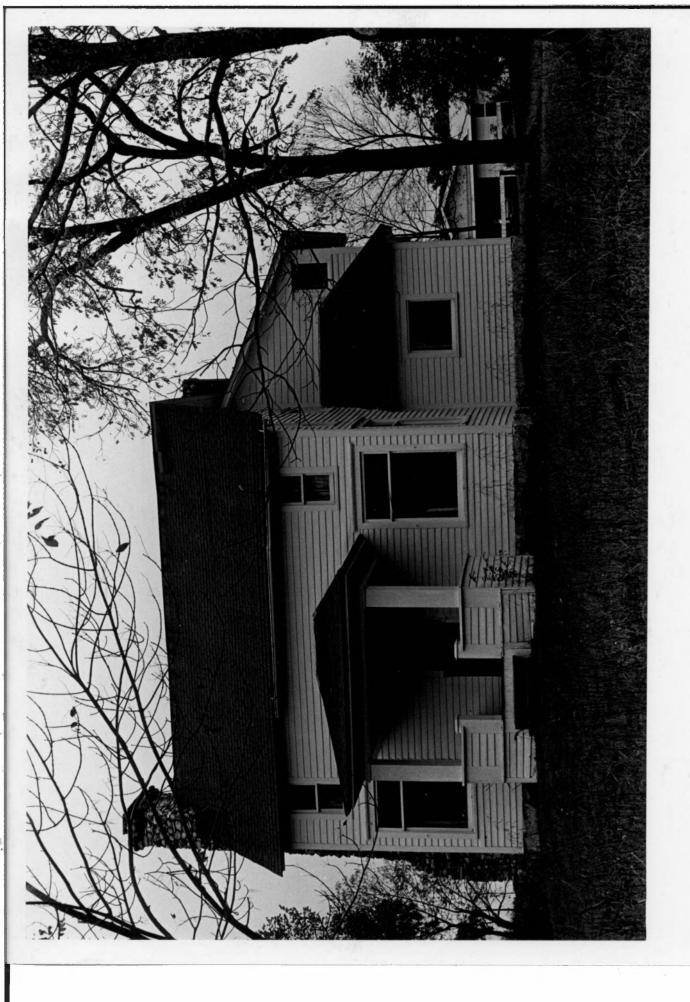
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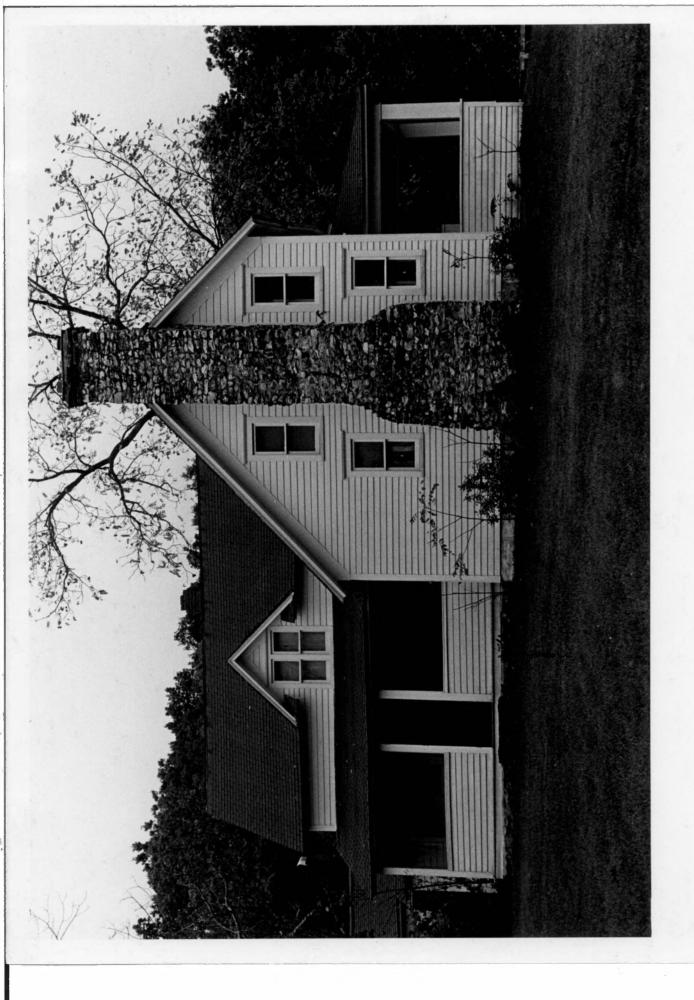
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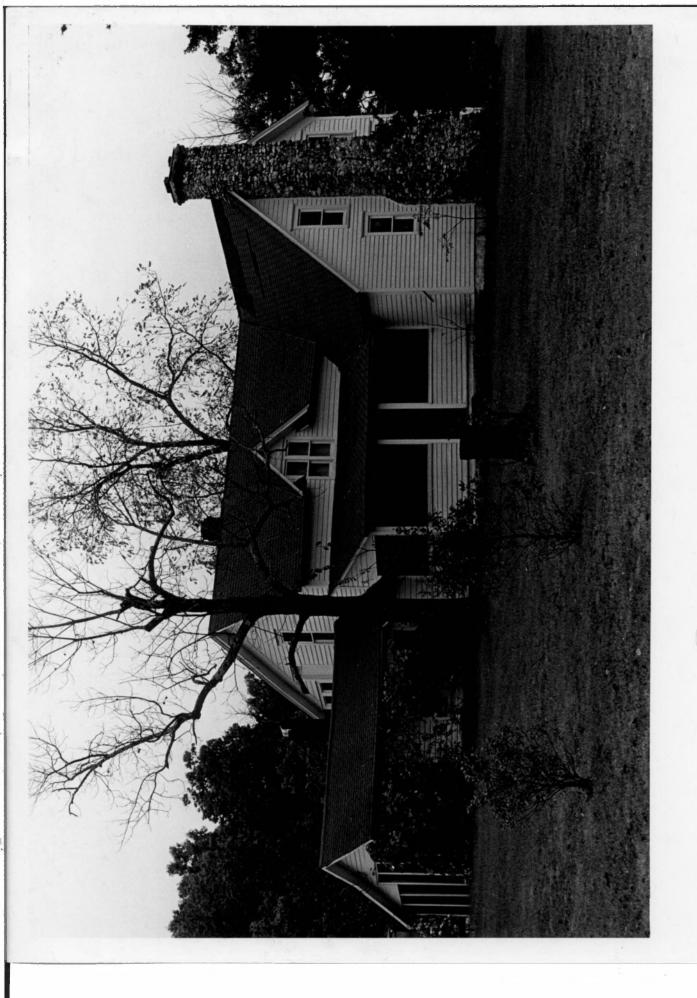
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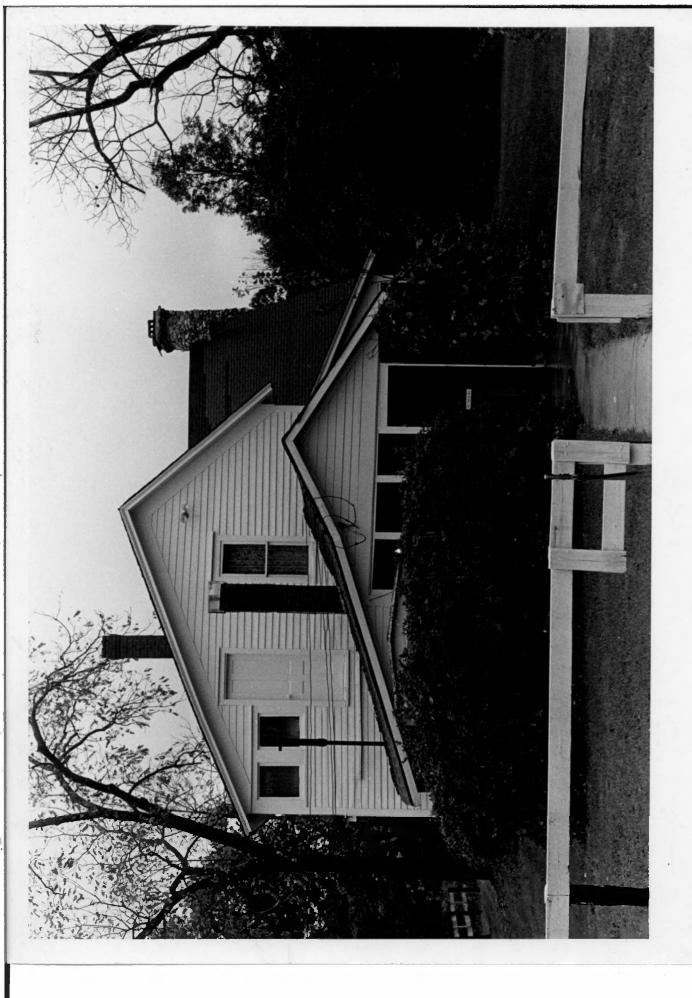
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4. IDENTIFICATION

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